Four-Star Cornerback Kayin Lee Commits To Ohio State



After plenty of momentum on the offensive side of the ball, Ohio State has now gone back to the defense to earn a commitment. Ellewood (Ga.) Cedar Grove four-star cornerback Kayin Lee (5-11, 185) announced Monday that he is committing to the Buckeyes.

Lee is the No. 145 overall prospect and No. 18 cornerback in 2023, committing to Ohio State over Nebraska and Oregon.

BREAKING: Four-Star CB Kayin Lee has Committed to Ohio State, he tells @On3Recruits

The 5'11 185 CB from Ellenwood, GA was formerly committed to Georgia.

He joins Ohio State's No. 1 Class in the 2023 Team Rankings []https://t.co/Md0xWYN1ie pic.twitter.com/qmPp9amMFX

- Hayes Fawcett (@Hayesfawcett3) June 27, 2022

Lee was originally a Georgia commit, pledging to the Bulldogs last September, but he decommitted in February and began taking unofficial visits at several schools throughout the spring, including Florida, Florida State, Nebraska and Ohio State.

The Buckeyes had been involved with Lee before his commitment to Georgia, offering him last summer after he camped with Ohio State, and were included among his top schools before his initial commitment to Georgia. He made his first official visit to Ohio State this past weekend and saw enough to convince him to pull the trigger on committing to the Buckeyes.

"He's a lunchpail type of cornerback that is physical enough to play in the boundary, but also fluid enough to get it done on the field side," said 247Sports southeast recruiting analyst Andrew Ivins. "He made a name for himself as a sophomore picking off three passes and defending plenty more while competing in the Peach State's AAA classification.

"He is aggressive with his hands and will put his hip right on a wide receiver. He does a nice job of reading and reacting to what's going on in front of him and fights off blocks like a veteran and understands how to drop a ball carrier in the open field with sound tackling. He is not the biggest of corners as he measured in at roughly 5-foot-11, 160 pounds the spring before his junior year, but should continue to keep filling out once lifting and eating in college."

He becomes Ohio State's second cornerback commitment in 2023, joining Tampa (Fla.) Wharton fourstar Dijon Johnson (6-1, 190). Other targets at cornerback include Cincinnati Winton Woods four-star Jermaine Mathews (6-0, 175), who is announcing his college decision on July 1, and Waxahachie, Texas, four-star Calvin Simpson-Hunt (6-0, 175), who the Buckeyes are attempting to flip from Texas Tech.

Lee's commitment propels Ohio State's class to the No. 1 class in the nation, surpassing Notre Dame who had held the top spot. He is the 14th commitment in Ohio State's class that has an average player rating of 0.9411.